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SENATE BILL

No. 907

Introduced by Senator Liu

January 27, 2010

An act to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 65050) to Chapter 1.5 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, relating to the Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 907, as amended, Liu. Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance: establishment.

Existing law establishes the Office of Planning and Research within the office of the Governor to, among other duties, assist the Governor and the Governor's cabinet in long-range planning and research.

This bill, upon a specified determination by the Department of Finance, would establish the Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance within the Office of Planning and Research to increase the capacity of eligible entities in this state to successfully apply for federal funds. This bill would require the Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance to submit an annual report on its activities to the Governor and the Legislature, and authorize it to seek federal funding, charge reasonable fees, and enter into specified partnerships to provide for the costs of performing its duties.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 6 (commencing with Section 65050) is
2 added to Chapter 1.5 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government
3 Code, to read:

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5 Article 6. Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance

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7 65050. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

8 (a) This state is the third geographically largest and the most
9 populace state in the union and includes three of the 10 most
10 populated cities in the nation.

11 (b) This state is the most geographically, ethnically, and
12 economically diverse state in the nation.

13 (c) This state contributes substantial revenues to the federal
14 government, and is eligible to receive substantial funding from the
15 federal government that extends beyond formula allocations,
16 including federal funding for local and regional governments,
17 schools, nonprofit community improvement, education, health,
18 economic development, job training, and community services.

19 (d) In the current economic climate, attracting federal funds to
20 this state is vital to assisting governmental and nongovernmental
21 entities provide essential services, improving public education,
22 stimulating the economy, creating and maintaining jobs, building
23 public works and transportation infrastructure, improving
24 environmental quality, and operating programs to mitigate the
25 effects of emergencies and catastrophic events.

26 (e) Entities eligible for federal funding often lack the resources
27 and skills needed to track the availability of federal funds,
28 participate in the prebid process, and prepare competitive proposals,
29 and the state can assist in successfully attracting federal funds by
30 providing a centralized source of information relating to federal
31 funding opportunities, eligibility information, and technical
32 assistance for participating in the competitive bidding process.

33 65051. (a) The Office of Federal Funding Information and
34 Assistance is established within the Office of Planning and
35 Research which is within the office of the Governor. The Office
36 of Federal Funding Information and Assistance shall be established
37 only after a determination by the Department of Finance that
38 ~~private-donations funds~~, federal funds, or ~~other non-General Fund~~

1 moneys in an amount sufficient to fully support the activities of
2 the office ~~have been~~ *will be* deposited with the state *on an annual*
3 *basis*.

4 (b) To provide for the costs of performing its duties under this
5 article, the Office of Federal Funding Information and Assistance
6 may seek federal funding, charge reasonable fees, and enter into
7 partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit entities, as allowed
8 by other law.

9 65052. The Office of Federal Funding Information and
10 Assistance shall do all of the following:

11 (a) Track availability and success rates of obtaining federal
12 funding in the state.

13 (b) Create and maintain an Internet Web site of federal funding
14 opportunities, resources, and technical information.

15 (c) Create and maintain an electronic mail list of individuals
16 and entities that want information on federal funding opportunities.

17 (d) Provide a monthly newsletter and e-mail alert notification
18 process to announce new programs and grant opportunities.

19 (e) Provide technical assistance by conducting workshops, online
20 seminars, and conferences.

21 ~~(f) Maintain a public telephone line operated by live operators~~
22 ~~during business hours, as set forth in Article 2 (commencing with~~
23 ~~Section 11020), of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2.~~

24 ~~(g)~~

25 (f) Engage in any other activity, as deemed appropriate and
26 necessary, to increase the capacity of eligible entities in California
27 to successfully apply for federal funds.

28 65053. On or before December 15, 2011, and each year
29 thereafter, the Office of Federal Funding Information and
30 Assistance shall submit to the Governor and the Legislature a
31 report detailing the costs, activities, and results of its activities for
32 the past 12 calendar months and make recommendations to improve
33 its success in the next year.